

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 20-27 without prejudice, amend claims 1, 5, 8, 11 and 14 and add new claims 28-30 so that the claims read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for weakening a portion of a web comprising:

moving said web in a machine direction between at least a first location and a second location, wherein said second location is positioned downstream of said first location;

forming a line of weakness in said web at said first location, wherein said web has a first tensile strength across said line of weakness; and

weakening said line of weakness at a second location, wherein said web has a second tensile strength across said line of weakness after said line of weakness is weakened at said second location, wherein said first tensile strength is greater than said second tensile strength, wherein said weakening said line of weakness at said second location comprises lengthening at least a portion of said web along said line of weakness at said second location.

2. (Original) The invention of claim 1 wherein said forming said line of weakness in said web at said first location comprises forming a cross-direction line of weakness in said web.

3. (Original) The invention of claim 1 wherein said forming said line of weakness at said first location comprises perforating said web.

4. (Original) The invention of claim 3 wherein said weakening said line of weakness at said second location comprises breaking a portion of said perforated web along said line of weakness.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for weakening a portion of a web comprising:

moving said web in a machine direction between at least a first location and a second location, wherein said second location is positioned downstream of said first location;

forming a line of weakness in said web at said first location, wherein said web has a first tensile strength across said line of weakness; and

weakening said line of weakness at a second location, wherein said web has a second tensile strength across said line of weakness after said line of weakness is weakened at said second location, wherein said first tensile strength is greater than said second tensile strength. The invention of claim 3 wherein said weakening said line of weakness at said second location comprises moving said web through a nip at said second location, wherein said nip is defined by between a first moveable member and a second moveable members, wherein said first moveable member comprises at least one insert member and wherein said second moveable member comprises at least one recess shaped to receive said insert member, and further comprising pushing at least a portion of said web at said line of weakness with said insert member into said recess.

6. (Original) The invention of claim 5 wherein said insert member comprises a bar and wherein said recess comprises a groove.

7. (Original) The invention of claim 5 comprising a plurality of spaced apart insert members.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for weakening a portion of a web comprising:

moving said web in a machine direction between at least a first location and a second location, wherein said second location is positioned downstream of said first location;

forming a line of weakness in said web at said first location, wherein said web has a first tensile strength across said line of weakness;

weakening said line of weakness at a second location, wherein said web has a second tensile strength across said line of weakness after said line of weakness is weakened at said second location, wherein said first tensile strength is greater than said second tensile strength, wherein said weakening said line of weakness at said second location comprises moving said web between first and second moveable members, wherein said first moveable member comprises at least one insert member and wherein said second moveable member comprises at least one recess shaped to receive said insert member, and further comprising pushing at least a portion of said web at said line of weakness with said insert member into said recess; and

The invention of claim 5 further comprising directing an air supply through said insert member.

9. (Original) The invention of claim 8 wherein said insert member comprises a channel for supplying said air supply.

10. (Original) The invention of claim 1 wherein said forming said line of weakness in said web at said first location comprises successively forming a plurality of spaced apart cross-direction lines of weakness in said web, and wherein said weakening said line of weakness at said second location comprises successively weakening said plurality of said spaced apart cross-direction lines of weakness.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for weakening a portion of a web comprising:

moving said web in a machine direction between at least a first location and a second location, wherein said second location is positioned downstream of said first location;

perforating said web along a cross-direction at said first location and thereby forming a cross-direction perforation in said web; and

moving said web between ~~through~~ a nip at said second location, ~~wherein said nip is defined by~~ first and second moveable members at said second

location, wherein said first moveable member comprises at least one insert member and wherein said second moveable member comprises at least one recess shaped to receive said insert member; and

pushing at least a portion of said web at said cross-direction perforation with said insert member into said recess.

12. (Original) The invention of claim 11 wherein said insert member comprises a bar and wherein said recess comprises a groove.

13. (Original) The invention of claim 11 comprising a plurality of insert members spaced apart along said cross-direction in alignment with said cross-direction perforation.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for weakening a portion of a web comprising:

moving said web in a machine direction between at least a first location and a second location, wherein said second location is positioned downstream of said first location;

perforating said web along a cross-direction at said first location and thereby forming a cross-direction perforation in said web; and

moving said web between first and second moveable members, wherein said first moveable member comprises at least one insert member and wherein said second moveable member comprises at least one recess shaped to receive said insert member;

pushing at least a portion of said web at said cross-direction perforation with said insert member into said recess; and

~~The invention of claim 11 further comprising directing an air supply through said insert member.~~

15. (Original) The invention of claim 14 wherein said insert member comprises a channel for supplying said air supply.

16. (Original) The invention of claim 11 wherein said forming said perforation in said web at said first location comprises successively forming a plurality of spaced apart cross-direction perforations in said web, and wherein said pushing said at least said portion of said web at said cross-direction perforation with said insert member into said recess comprises successively pushing at least a portion of said web at said plurality of spaced apart cross-direction perforations into said recess.

17. (Original) The invention of claim 11 wherein said first moveable member comprises a plurality of insert members spaced circumferentially around a perimeter of said first moveable member at a plurality of circumferentially spaced perimeter positions.

18. (Original) The invention of claim 17 further comprising a plurality of insert members spaced along said cross-direction at each of plurality of said circumferentially spaced perimeter positions.

19. (Original) The invention of claim 11 wherein said first and second moveable members comprise first and second rolls.

Claims 20-27 (Cancelled).

28. (New) The invention of claim 5 wherein said first moveable member and said second member comprise first and second rolls respectively.

29. (New) The invention of claim 28 wherein said second roll has an outer circumferential surface, wherein said recess is formed radially inwardly from said outer circumferential surface.

30. (New) The invention of claim 11 wherein said second moveable member comprises a roll having an outer circumferential surface, wherein said recess is formed radially inwardly from said outer circumferential surface.